

Trinity Tidings

Trinity Lutheran Church

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July/August 2021

Being Generous

Quite often, when we think about generosity, it involves money and caring for others. However, these past couple of weeks, I am reminded we should also be generous with our own being. Proper self-care is an important part of leading a healthy life. Proper self-care maintains our minds and overall well-being. Proper self-care makes us better leaders.

I have been reminded of this the last couple of weeks as three active members of our congregation have died while also mourning the death of my sister in the middle of it. It is now the middle of June and I realize I have not had a vacation since right after Christmas. I will admit the extra work during the pandemic and the happenings of the last couple of weeks have weighed on me. It is a good reminder I must be generous to myself as I have had several people say I look tired. I am therefore looking forward to respite and a time to be renewed, June 29 – July 12. I thank the leaders of the congregation for encouraging me to take this time and being available while I am gone.

In the meantime, how are you being generous to yourself this summer? Are you pausing to take a deep breath when you sense you are weary? Are you praying and placing your trust in God? Are you willing to let go and let God? It is in these practices we find a closer connection to the Triune God. I too, am looking forward to taking my own advice.

As mentioned, we had three members die within a week of each other. Many of you are grieving. Yet, amid grieving we give thanks for their contributions to Trinity and their deep faith as children of God. We give thanks for the lives of Shirley Dobberowsky, Doug Olson, and Judy Tonkovich. They have each left their own mark on this congregation, and they will be deeply missed until we walk with them again in eternal life. Our prayers continue for their families as they continue to mourn. As a community we grieve together. As a community we support and love one another. You have revealed how present the Holy Spirit is as you have all shown great love for one another. At the same time, continue to be generous with yourself, and take a deep breath when needed.

Peace, Pastor Alex



Trinity Hosting Outdoor Play

On Saturday, July 24 at 2:00pm Trinity will be hosting a play presented by Open Book Theatre. Bring a lawn chair and join us in the church parking lot for a live 30-minute performance sponsored by the TLCW. A free will donation will be collected.



Card Ministry

The Trinity Card Ministry is meeting again on a new day! They meet on Fridays from 9:30am - 12:00pm. Their next card class is Friday, July 16 from 1:00pm -2:30pm at Trinity. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Macumber.



Thank You

- All those who have assisted in the three funerals at Trinity in June.
- Don and Rich for work on the Trinity Parsonage garage.
- The folks keeping the church grounds looking beautiful.
- TLCW for arranging a wonderful outdoor play to be held on July 24.

Church Council

The council's June meeting was cancelled and the next meeting will be July 20 at 7:00 pm.



Outdoor Worship and Dinner Church

In August we will begin a monthly dinner church service. On Monday, August 9 at 6:00 pm come and join us outdoors for a meal and a short worship service. This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone who is gone on the weekends during the summer. The September worship will be on September 13.

New Computer

We put a request out there last month for funds to purchase a new office computer and the congregation really stepped up. Thank you for all who donated. We will also be looking at putting in a network and purchasing updated programs.



Just a reminder that if you are on vacation this summer and unable to join us in person you can watch on Facebook and YouTube.

Thank you for your continued contributions to Trinity whether they are dropped off in person, mailed in, or given electronically.



July 2 – Kosette Bartels

July 7 – Austin Engelhard

July 7 – Lance Pitcel

July 10 – Sue Olson

July 12 – Scott Dobberowsky

July 13 – Trenten Kulman

July 14 – Evan Plonka

July 23 – Kayla Gross

July 24 – Keith Bartels

July 24 – Karil Zurakowski

July 28 – Linda Rowe

July 29 – John Plonka

July 29 – Judy Whelan

July 31 – Joe Rhein



August 2 – Joseph Daugherty

August 4 – David Edgington

August 5 – Melissa Small

August 7 – Leni Fistler

August 9 – Ashton Hollenbeck

August 10 – Rosalie Rowe

August 11 – Kerryn Graham

August 12 – Kennedy Walsh

August 19 – Rebecca Patton

August 19 – Matt Rix

August 22 – Kiera Hartman

August 23 – Preston Corneillie

August 23 – Tracy Walsh

August 24 – Christopher Graham

August 25 – Louanne Plonka

August 29 – Chase Kulman

August 30 – Richard Kuechenmeister

August 30 - Ray Small



July 4 6th Sunday after Pentecost Ezekiel 2:1-5 Psalm 123 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

July 11 7th Sunday after Pentecost Amos 7:7-15

Psalm 85:8-13

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

July 18 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 23

Ephesians 2:1-22

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

August 1 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Psalm 78:23-29

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

August 8 11th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalm 34:1-8

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

August 15 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalm 34:9-14

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

August 22 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Psalm 34:15-22

Ephesians 6:10-10

John 6:56-69

August 29 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Psalm 15

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Prayer List

We pray for those in our faith community: Wayne Allen, Theresa Savio, Patrick John Wolak, Gerry Flynn, Janet Bone, Beth Latshaw, Andrew G, Dom Mackowski, Larry Smith, Amanda Farrow, Enoch Carlton, Lorraine, Dave Showers, Elaine Schleef, Brad K., Mary Ottenbacher, Judy Griggs, Pat Gordon, Pastor Lauren Kirsch-Carr, Kenny Kulman, Henry Schutt, family of Shirley Dobberowsky, family of Kelly Tuttle (Pastor Alex's sister), family of Doug Olson, family of Judy Tonkovich.

We pray for those in uniform serving our country at home and abroad, including Andrew Daugherty and Makenzie Whelan. We pray for our elected leaders so that they may have wisdom to ensure justice for all.

We pray for those who are homebound: Lois Dimick, Bob Derby, Elaine Neiman, Verna Mayer

We pray for the other congregations and pastors in our conference, the Southeast Michigan Synod, Bishop Don Kreiss and the synod staff and Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.

(If you have an update or would like to add someone to the prayer list please email, leave a message on the church voicemail, or call Pastor Alex)